

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman, telephonic; Tom Crosby, Supervisor

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion and direction regarding the National Opioids Settlement Agreements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4), the Board may go into executive session for legal advice with the attorney of the public body and to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position in pending litigation.

In response to the Board, Ms. Roberts stated that she does not recommend going into Executive Session at this point. Much of the information is public knowledge; should the Board have specific legal questions that is not public knowledge, at that time, she would recommend the Board move into Executive Session.

Ms. Roberts stated that in October, 2021, the County Attorney's Office came to the Board with a global settlement with three opioid distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmeriSource Bergen, and manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals. The Board approved signing on to those settlement agreements. The more counties that sign on, the larger the settlement amount will be. There are now five additional settlement agreements. The State of Arizona signed on to the settlement agreements; now is time for Counties, and then cities, to sign on. Once all have signed on, the ultimate amount to be received will be determined.

Ms. Roberts stated that she is seeking approval to sign on to the settlement

agreements and the necessary paperwork. The settlement agreements need to be signed onto before April 18, 2023. She listed the five settling defendants are retailers are with: Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. Should all the counties in the state sign on, the total amount coming in to the state would be approximately \$434.2 million, with the local government share of \$243.2 million. These settlements are governed by the One Arizona opioid settlement agreement.

Supervisor Crosby made a motion that the Board of Supervisors direct the County Attorney's Office to sign on to the agendaized settlement agreement. Vice-Chairman Judd seconded the motion.

Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board